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SUBJECT: RAILROAD EQUIPMENT TRADE MISSION

REFERENCE: (A) STATE 276068, (B) STATE 231173, (C) GABORONE 1311,  
(D) GABORONE 1441, AND (E) GABORONE 1781

1. PERMANENT SECRETARY MINISTRY OF WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS, LEKALAKE, HAS TOLD US THAT APRIL 28 AND 29 VISIT OF RAILROAD EQUIPMENT TRADE MISSION WOULD BE USEFUL. HOWEVER, HE MADE FOLLOWING CAVEAT. GOVERNMENT HAS REQUESTED THE SERVICE OF CANADIAN CONSULTANTS TO COME AND UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON THE ESSENTIALS FOR A TAKE OVER OF THE RHODESIAN RAILROAD. ALTHOUGH GOVERNMENT HAD EXPECTED THE STUDY TO BE COMPLETED BY THE THE MISSION ARRIVED, IT IS STILL NOT CERTAIN WHEN THE CANADIAN TEAM CAN BE EXPECTED TO START WORK. UNTIL THE STUDY IS COMPLETED GOVJRNMENT IS NOT IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON STRUCTURE AND PLANS OR TO MAKE COMMITMENTS.

2. LEKALAKE AGREED THAT THE MISSION SHOULD COME WITH A VIEW TO DESCRIBING AMERICAN-MADE EQUIPMENT WHICH COULD BE UTILIZED IN AN EXPANDED RAILWAY SYSTEM IN BOTSWANA AND GETTING A FIRSTHAND LOOK AT THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND SO THAT AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS WILL HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE POTENTIAL SALES MARKET.

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EM EMBASSY WELCOMES MISSION VISIT WITH PRECEDING CAVEAT AND

WOULD EXPECT THE MISSION ALSO WOULD CREATE OPPORTUNITY FOR FACE  
TO FACE CONTACT WHICH COULD PROVE INVALUABLE AS BOTSWANA PURSUES  
DEVELOPMENT OF ITS NATIONAL RAILWAY SYSTEM.  
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